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Subject: FW: Hurricane Harvey - Overview and Status of disaster response and recovery
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David,

Carl is interested in supporting this discussion and wanted to engage your participation.

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Carl/Pam,

Please read the request in the bottom of the email thread below (from the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea) and my forwarded email to OITA and OLEM for their guidance/assistance.

Could your team (Ronnie, Steve) also look into this with FEMA?

Thank you,

Arturo

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Good afternoon,

I am seeking guidance and forwarding for your attention a request that we received in Region 6 last week. The request came from the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea.

The Korean Consulate is requesting assistance to learn about disaster response and recovery efforts from the impacts caused by Hurricane Harvey. Jin-Sug Chung, consulate energy advisor in his email below cites similarities between large cities such as Houston (with its industrial base) and cities in Korea (with similar industrial make-up). They want to know what worked that they might apply in response efforts to similar catastrophic type events in Korea.

Please find Chung's contact information below for further information or let me know how I can help to appropriately address a guided response.

Please let me know your guidance. Thank you,

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Subject: Hurricane Harvey - Overview and Status of disaster response and recovery

Dear Mr. Wang,

It was nice talking to you this morning and thank you for the kind guidance.

As I mentioned, the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Houston would appreciate it very much if we could meet with the representatives of EPA and other agencies who have been coordinating the response and recovery from the impacts caused by the Hurricane Harvey. We are especially interested in learning about the damages, response plan, and status of recovery on the industrial facilities such as refineries, chemical plants, power plants, and other manufacturing facilities that can be, if failed or damaged, harmful to the environment as well as people in the community.

As Korea has many cities and local areas where refineries, plants, and factories are concentrated around, we would like to learn how the large cities such as Houston (including the greater Houston areas of Pasadena, Galveston, Beaumont, and even Corpus Christi) plan for such disasters and establish processes to recover from it safely and efficiently.

Korea is also exposed to potential Typhoons in the summer and early fall. It also experiences earthquakes although they are not as frequent as other neighbor countries. Therefore, I am certain that we can learn a lot from the hurricane Harvey that are directly applicable to Korea, although we hope such disasters would never happen.

We appreciate your time and looking forward to hearing from you or representatives so that we can meet and discuss further.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

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